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THE CROSS MARK.

The cross mark on your paper indicates that the time for which you subscribed has or is about to expire. It is to give notice so your subscription may be renewed. If the subscription be not renewed the name will be dropped from the list, but we want every one to renew and bring a friend along too.

See our offer to give THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER one year and the Patch Corn Sheller for four dollars. This is the best sheller for the money in America. It is guaranteed and will give entire satisfaction. Send in your orders at once.

—The principal business before Congress the past week was the appropriations bills.

—Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage, the celebrated New York preacher, and family are summering at Asheville.

—Our people who are interested in fruits should not fail to attend the Fruit Fair at Fayetteville next week. The prospect is that it will be a grand success.

—Louis Bagger & Co., solicitors of patents, Washington, inform us that thirty patents, bearing date of July 20, were granted to citizens of the Southern States.

—The President, accompanied by Senators Bayard, Whitney, and his private Secretary, Lamont, attended the bi-centennial celebration in Albany last Wednesday.

—The vote in Durham township, on the proposition to subscribe \$100,000 to the Lynchburg and Durham railroad resulted in 2181 for the subscription and 221 against.

—The oleomargarine bill passed the Senate on the 20th inst., after an amendment reducing the tax from 5 to 2 cents a pound. The House has accepted the amendment.

—In the convention for the fourth judicial district, at Smithfield on the 22d inst. Walter Clark was nominated for Judge and Swift Galloway for Solicitor, both by acclamation.

—Dr. W. A. Lash, Mr. John W. Fries and Mr. Campbell appeared at the last meeting of the Board of Agriculture, in Raleigh, to urge the Board to have a new survey made of the coal field in the Dan River section.

—THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER desires to return its thanks to the *Wilson Mirror*, *Asheville Citizen* and other State papers for kind and complimentary notices. We appreciate them the more as coming from such competent judges.

—Remember the county meeting on the 7th of August, in Winston. See to it your township and neighborhood are well represented. Come and spend one day in devising plans and methods for advancing your interests.

—We have heard of one man who declined to take THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. When asked to give his reason, he said: "I'll be confounded, if I'm gwine to take any paper that tells me to feed my cows on *krout* all the winter," and he didn't. He had read some of our articles on ensilage.

—For some time the Government has been issuing rations for 7,300 Indians in the Pine Ridge, Nebraska, Agency. But a recent census shows that there are only 4,500. So the agents have been raking in the boodle.

—J. C. Judson, the novelist, better known as "Ned Buntline," the author of numerous stories, and one of the organizers of the Know Nothing party, died at his home in Stamford, New York, on the 16th inst., in his 64th year.

—The deaths from typhoid fever in the United States number 25,000 annually, the cases numbering about 150,000. If more attention were given to cleanliness about our homes there would be fewer cases and fewer deaths.

—The Springfield, Ohio, school board has decided that colored children shall not hereafter attend the public schools with white children, but shall go to schools of their own. This is under an old law found on the statute books of that state.

—The population of Chicago is put down thus:

"German, 226,000; American, 154,000; Irish, 120,000; Slavonic, 55,000; Scandinavian, 33,000; English, 30,000; Latin, 16,000; negroes, 8,000; Canadian, 4,000; and all others, 8,000; making a total population of 656,000.

—Up to date the President has vetoed 98 pension bills, and several of a different character. Considering the fact that the number of bills vetoed by all the Presidents who preceded Mr. Cleveland reached only 103, he is attaining celebrity as a vetoist in the first quarter of his administration.

—Those two fellows in Congress who so far forgot the dignity of their positions the other day as to engage in a game of fisticuff, should have been brought before the bar of the House and severely reprimanded. Bull-dog and blackguard exhibitions should be suppressed on the floors of the American Congress.

—In the convention for the sixth congressional district, at Wadesboro, on the 21st inst., there were several candidates in the field, resulting in a warm contest between the three leading aspirants, Chas. M. Stedman, of New Hanover; D. A. Covington, of Union, and A. W. Rowland, of Robeson county. The balloting continued till one o'clock in the morning. On the 57th ballot the supporters of Stedman went over to Rowland and he was nominated.

—The Asheville *Citizen*, commending the article which appeared in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER of last week, on Savings Banks, says they have one in Asheville, the only one in the State, the "French Broad Bank, which is doing and will do a good business not only for itself, but for our community." There should be one or more in every town in the State.

—The farmers of Richmond county will have a big farmers' dinner on Thursday, 19th of August. It is expected that 1,000 or 1,500 farmers will be on the grounds. The dinner will be given under the auspices of the Mountain Creek Farmers' Club, composed of progressive and thinking farmers, who are laboring and doing much to better the condition of the farmers of the State. Several addresses will be made by gentlemen identified with farming interests.

—At the meeting of the Board of Agriculture in Raleigh, last Thursday, the proposition made by the city of Raleigh some time ago, to secure the location and establishment of the industrial school, which has been under consideration, was accepted by a vote of eight for to four against, as follows: Ayes, Messrs. Upchurch, Williams, Smith, Leazer, Graves, Brooks, Wharton and Green; Nays, Gov. Seales, Messrs. Battle, Moore and Robinson. The Board pledged itself to at once establish the school.

—We are indebted to our friend, Col. W. F. Beasley, of Baltimore, for a copy of the *Baltimore Sun*, of the 19th inst., giving an account of some experiments in wheat culture on the Du Pont estate in Delaware, where the experiments have been carried on for the past five years, with various kinds of grain, native and imported. There are 300 acres under cultivation, none of it running less than twenty-five bushels to the acre, some from forty to sixty, and two small fields giving the enormous yield of 109.74 bushels per acre, and the other 103 per acre. The former was brought from Egypt, the latter Fultz. The fertilizers used on the farm, where all the fields were treated alike, were lime, barnyard manure and a commercial fertilizer.

LIBERAL EDUCATION.

Dr. Kemp P. Battle, the President of the State University, delivered an oration at the commencement of the University of South Carolina some weeks ago, which is very highly complimented by the *Charleston News and Courier* and other journals. From the extracts we have seen quoted, it is in the main a very excellent discourse, and shows thought and study. It is also progressive, showing that the author lives in the present, not in the past. We agree entirely with him when he says, speaking of practical education: "The mere knowledge of books does not make true education. There must be the proper combination of the practical and theoretical." And again: "It is of the utmost importance for the good of our State (this looks as if he had reference to North Carolina) that the advocates of book education and of hand education shall come together and pull together." He proclaims himself a believer in and advocate of industrial schools as one of the pressing needs of the times, and thinks that industrial training should be taught in all the schools from the kindergarten to the University. He is correct in this, but he adds that the State cannot teach all the trades in all the schools, and when it cannot teach all the trades, to teach any without teaching all would be to discriminate and would be unfair and unjust. That is to say, that while the Doctor believes in industrial education he insists on having it on a grand scale or not at all. Carry this line of argument to its legitimate conclusion and it would extinguish the University, for it does not fit a man for all the trades, nor for any of them, the course mapped out there being such as prepares students for the higher professions, so called. It discriminates against the farmer and the farmer's son, the tradesman and the tradesman's son.

He announces himself, if correctly quoted, as opposed to the education of young men for the farm exclusively, having reference, we suppose, to the system of education pursued in the agricultural colleges proper. If he means that he is opposed to confining the education of young men intending to follow the calling of the farmer to mere instruction bearing upon the farm, we agree with him, for their education ought to take a wider range than that, but we do not think that is what he meant. We think he is opposed to the strictly agricultural college where the "leading feature" of instruction shall be to train scholars especially for work on the farm, other studies being incidental. He would subordinate the instruction for the farm and make it incidental to the courses as prescribed in the universities and colleges, as he is now doing with his "agricultural" annex to the University. In this his theory is at least consistent with his practice, whether we, or the farmers whose money is being used under the pretense of keeping up an agricultural college, agree with him or not. But neither his theory nor practice is consistent with the law under which the University gets the use of \$7,500 a year now expended ostensibly in conducting an agricultural college without any agricultural students or agricultural appendages—an agricultural college in print, simply, but not in fact.

MASONIC PIC-NIC FOR THE ORPHANS.

The eighth Annual Masonic Pic-Nic will be held in Mocksville, on the 12th of August. The presence of the Salisbury Cornet Band to make the music and of Grand Master F. H. Busbee to make the address is a guarantee that this part of the program will be well executed. And the large hearted hospitality of the people of Davidson insures a liberal provision for the inner-man. The celebration is in aid of that noble institution—the Oxford Orphan Asylum. Let everybody go and contribute a mite to this truly grand and benevolent work. Oxford and Thomasville should lie very near the hearts of all good men and women in the State.

WRITE TO US.

Our friends in the various parts of the State will do us a great favor if they will write us brief accounts of the condition of the crops in their locality, the prospects, what is being done by the farmers, and other items of interest to the farmer. All we want is facts. We will appreciate the kindness.

KIND WORDS.

The readers of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER have doubtless discovered by this time that we are not given to the habit of lauding our own efforts, or, to quote a common but expressive phrase, of "blowing our own horn." Nor do we make it a habit of reproducing the kind words that are said of us by our brothers of the press, for which we have more than once had occasion to feel thankful. We depart from our custom somewhat in this instance in reproducing the following extracts from the many flattering notices that have greeted us, for the double purpose of showing how kindly THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER has been received by our brethren of the press and to tender them our heart-felt thanks for their kind words and good wishes.

WHAT THE PRESS SAYS OF THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

(EXTRACTS.)

—It will no doubt do much good for North Carolina.—*Reflector*.

—We cheerfully commend it to all who want a good home paper.—*Gleaner*.

—It will be ably edited and conducted. It has our best wishes.—*Dan Valley Echo*.

—It is of the right grit, and we commend it to our progressive farmers.—*Ex*.

—It is well printed and well filled with good reading matter.—*Piedmont Press*.

—Such a paper is calculated to do much good in North Carolina.—*Goldsboro Argus*.

—The price of it is \$2 a year, and it is well worth the money. We wish it great success.—*Danville Times*.

—This paper will doubtless fill a long felt vacuum in North Carolina journalism.—*Franklin Weekly*.

—Full of valuable and interesting matter. It is a valuable auxiliary to the press of the State.—*Headlight*.

—It will be of great value to the farmers, and we believe it will be a great success.—*Democratic Standard*.

—A handsome 8-page paper, neatly printed and well conducted, and is worth any farmer's \$2.—*Lenoir Topic*.

—It presents a neat typographical appearance and is filled with choice reading matter for the farmers.—*Smithfield Herald*.

—Its editorial and typographical make up is very creditable indeed. The *Sentinel* wishes it every success.—*Western Sentinel*.

—We have no doubt that the PROGRESSIVE FARMER will be made useful to the best interests of the whole State.—*Hillsboro Observer*.

—The originality predominating through all its columns should give it a hearty welcome among our farmers.—*Concord Register*.

—It is neat and attractive and promises well. There is a field for such a well conducted agricultural weekly.—*Wilmington Star*.

—If it maintains its present standard of excellence, it will soon rank as one of the best agricultural journals of the country.—*Vidette*.

—It is full of valuable information for the farmer and should be encouraged by getting a tremendous subscription list.—*Greensboro Patriot*.

—Its name indicates its objects. We wish it a full measure of success. Its columns are well filled with valuable reading.—*Orphan's Friend*.

—Such an advertising medium has been needed for a long time. It is a large and well printed paper, and is well worth \$2 a year.—*Fayetteville News*.

—It is devoted to our agricultural interests. It makes a good beginning in contents and appearance, and has our best wishes.—*Davidson Dispatch*.

—It is neatly printed and filled with choice reading matter for farmers. It is worthy of patronage and we wish it abundant success.—*Home Democrat*.

—One of the best agricultural papers published in the South. Every farmer in the State should have it, for in our judgment it is indispensable.—*Wilson Mirror*.

—It is full of valuable information and should have a tremendous subscription list. It will be just such a paper as the people have long needed.—*Person County Courier*.

—It is a handsome sheet. New type and good paper, and gotten out in a workmanlike style, and we feel assured will fulfill its promises to the public.—*Central Protestant*.

—The PROGRESSIVE FARMER is out, and a bright sheet it is. The agriculturists of the State need a first-class weekly journal and this paper will supply that need.—*State Chronicle*.

—The PROGRESSIVE FARMER is a credit to the State. We hope it will be liberally patronized and that its subscription list will soon run up into the thousands.—*Orange County Observer*.

—As its name indicates, it is devoted to agricultural interests and agricultural knowledge. Neatly gotten up, on good paper, printed in clear type and filled with choice reading matter.—*W. Review*.

—There is no neater, cleaner paper on our exchange table than the PROGRESSIVE FARMER, and its editorial excellence vies with the typographical beauty of this really progressive publication.—*Southern Cultivator*.

—We have read it with pleasure and it gives promise of being the paper so much needed by our farmers. It is well printed and is worth the money. We heartily commend it to the farmers of the State.—*Biblical Recorder*.

—It is beautifully printed from new type and is chock full of valuable reading matter for the farmers. We do not hesitate to pronounce it unqualifiedly the best agricultural newspaper ever issued in the State.—*Spirit of the South*.

—The PROGRESSIVE FARMER grows better with age. No progressive farmer in the State should be without it. Neatly printed, well and carefully edited. Just such a paper of its class as we are glad to see published in our State.—*Gold Leaf*.

—It is printed on excellent paper and with nice clean type. With the encouragement and patronage it deserves, it will be a powerful factor in the State. It is the only weekly journal in the State devoted to its material development.—*Pittsboro Home*.

PROTECT YOUR WHEAT FROM WEEVIL.

The wheat crop in our State has been harvested under most unfavorable circumstances. Much of it was sprouted and otherwise damaged. Proper precaution should be taken as doubtless this pest will be unusually active. And again, there is danger from the moist condition of the grain, that it will become musty.

Prepare scaffolds, cover with sheets and put out the wheat about four inches in depth. Let it have the full sunshine during all the warm part of the day—say from nine in the forenoon to four in the afternoon, stirring it thoroughly three or four times. Have your boxes, hogsheds or bins thoroughly cleansed out and ready to receive the grain. Air them and sun them thoroughly. They should be as hot as the sun can make them at the time the wheat is put in them.

Pour it up while it is hot, mixing with it a handful of salt or lime to every three bushels. The wheat will keep sound and we have had very little trouble with weevil when we used these precautions.

THE RIGHTS OF THE PRESS AND THE PEOPLE.

We see that our able, esteemed and usually level-headed contemporary, the *Wilmington Star*, in noticing the *Monthly Bulletin*, published by the Department of Agriculture, recommends our farmers to subscribe for it. This suggests two questions which we respectfully present for the consideration of the *Star*:

First. Is it proper and right for the State government, or any department of it, to enter the field of public journalism as a competitor of private enterprises, using the public money for that purpose?

Second. Is it proper and right that our farmers should be asked to subscribe to and pay for the publications of the Department of Agriculture?

We refer to the *Star* in this matter because we do not think it will, on reflection, approve of publishing a paper at the expense of the people and then charging them for it.

—Within the past four years 100,000 peach trees have been planted in Barnwell county, S. C., 70,000 of which are now bearing fruit.

—The crops in Georgetown county, S. C., have been so damaged by the frequent freshets and protracted rains that a famine is threatened, unless the State gives aid.

—Under the provisions of the new extradition treaty with England, Canada will not afford such a refuge for bank defaulters and embezzlers as it has done in past years.